

Calumet Region Striders  
Board of Director's Meeting  
December 11th, 2014  
Minutes

**Location:** Robin Benson's Home

Robin Benson	President
Jose Lopez	Vice-President
Milagro Gonzalez	Treasurer
Carri Massau-Ables	Membership & Volunteers
Lisa Moreno	Public Relations
Beth Boyer	Youth Running Programs
Deanna Grimes	Adult Running Programs
Mary Moreno	Social Events
Barb Hamner	Gold Cup Series
Tim Brown	Nominations, Bylaws, & Disabled Runners
Pete Klaeser	Secretary

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM

Absent: Milagro Gonzalez, Carri Massau-Ables

Guests: Nomination Committee (Sue Brown-Nickerson), Cecilia Bernal

Nomination Committee Presentation (See attached notes)

- The suggestion is to begin the nomination process earlier next year. (September?)
- The Orchard Run is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup> next year.

Motion to approve November (2014) minutes: Lisa Moreno motioned to accept the minutes with one spelling correction. Deanna Grimes seconded. Board approved 9-0.

**President's Report (Robin Benson)**

1. RRCA volunteer Award for 2000 Volunteer Hours – Board can choose 3 members for this award. Board has recommended three members who will be announced at the January Awards banquet.
2. Lifetime Member Awards – Deanna Grimes motioned that Dennis Rotz and Robin

Benson both be given lifetime member awards at the Awards banquet. Seconded by Tim Brown. Board approved 9-0.

4. Ballot Paper & copy paper to go to OE for printing – Deanna Grimes will deliver paper to OE.

5. Motion by Tim Brown to give a \$500 thank you check to OE and a \$25 gift card to Robin of OE for their help throughout the year. Seconded by Mary Moreno. Board approved 9-0.

#### **Vice President's Report (Jose Lopez):**

Jeff Mescal has informed the club that it will require a \$2000 one-time fee and a \$25 monthly maintenance fee to start a new Strider website. Board is concerned about the cost of a new website. Jose will contact Mike Wilson regarding his willingness to maintain the website as he had in the past.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Milagro Gonzalez):**

1. Membership Totals:

Total Households: 491

Total Members: 866

Total Gold Cup: 319

2. Funds

General Fund:

Jim Cox Fund: Available upon request.

Stevens-Hamilton Fund:

3. The Striders hires an auditor for \$200 who completes the taxes each year for the club each year.

4. Motion by Tim Brown to require the Quilt Raffle winner to submit their shirts by November 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the quilt was won. Seconded by Lisa Moreno. Board approved 9-0.

#### **Secretary's Report (Pete Klaeser):**

No Report

### **Gold Cup & Sponsored Race Series (Barb Hamner):**

1. Committee meeting (Dec. 13) - Select 2015 GC and Elite races, discuss possible rule changes, determine if Clydesdale/Athena should be mandatory race categories. Will present GC committee suggestions at the next board meeting in January.
2. GC award budget – Barb Hamner motioned for a \$2500 budget for GC awards to be presented at the Awards banquet in January. Seconded by Jose Lopez. Board approved 9-0.
3. 100 mile club will continue in 2015. – Mileage starts over in January. Mileage does not count from 2014.
4. Motion by Beth Boyer to raise the God Cup registration fee to \$25 per participant for 2015. Seconded by Lisa Moreno. Board approved 9-0.
5. Race sponsorships will become the responsibility of the Strider’s Vice President. This change will be made in the Strider Bylaws.

### **Public Relations (Lisa Moreno)**

No report.

### **Youth Runner Programs (Beth Boyer):**

1. Coaches Cross Country Nationals Summary and USATF Training – 40 youth attended with half of them reaching the “podium”.

### **Adult Running Program (Deanna Grimes):**

1. CRS Trail Run series – Jose Lopez will talk to Extra Mile regarding the XYZ series and if it will continue. If not, plans are underway for the Striders to develop a trail series that will adopt the XYZ rules. It would require running 7 trail races out of a possible 12. Care will be taken that trail races will not conflict with Gold Cup races unless the race director approves.

Motion by Deanna Grimes to add an optional Strider Trail Run Series to the Gold Cup application at \$20 per participant with Gold Cup series or \$30 per participant without Gold Cup series. Seconded by Barb Hamner. Board approved 9-0. Jose Lopez has volunteered to chair the Trail Series if there are enough participants for the program to run.

### **Nominations, Bylaws & Disabled Runners (Tim Brown):**

1. Strider members 18 years and over will get election ballots mailed to them. Race Directors will receive ballots only if they are paid members of the club.
2. Discussion of Bylaws revisions by the Board ensued. Motion was made by Tim Brown to accept the five changes in the Bylaws as a first vote. Seconded by Lisa Moreno. Board approved 9-0.

### **Membership and Volunteers (Carri Massau-Ables):**

1. Membership/fun run 12/27. I will do another email blast as a reminder. I will also contact "Aunt Connie" and see if she wants to do water stop at her house. I can supply her with water and cups beforehand if need be. Tim Brown and Barb Hamner will help lead runners on the long and short courses.

### **Social Events (Mary Moreno):**

1. The holiday banquet will include a toy collection for "Toys for Tots". Two Marines will attend and their brunch meals will be complimentary. There are 62 preregstered.
2. Mary Moreno made a motion that the Striders budget \$300 for a photo booth for the January GC Awards banquet. Seconded by Tim Brown. Board approved 9-0.
3. Joe Mis, Aunt Connie, Bob Rizzo, and Darrell Hale (with Butch) will all receive a complimentary invite to the GC banquet.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, January 8th, 2015 (Lake Station Library)

**Meeting adjourned at 9:13PM**

CRS NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT  
Sue Brown Nickerson - Linda Ramos - Jean Tolchinsky  
December 11, 2014

Two telephone committee meetings were conducted. The first call to confirm receipt of all the nomination forms to all committee members, and also for the purpose of dividing up the candidates for confirmation and acceptance of the nomination. The second call to finalize our report and proposed slate for election to the CRS Board.

The 2015 slate for election

President, Jose Lopez (Lake County) unopposed

Vice President, Lisa Moreno (Lake County) unopposed

Public Relations, Deanna Grimes (Lake County) unopposed

Youth Programs, Beth Boyer (Lake County) unopposed

Adult Programs: Rose Partida-Garcia (Lake County), and Becky Kreiger  
(Porter County)

Committee comments and suggestions

Because this committee had not received any specific committee description or directive until the time the nomination deadline had ended, it had not pursued “qualified persons for election” as stated in the standing committee portion of the bylaws.

The committee is concerned that potentially, an all-Lake County board could be voted in for 2015 and how this will be perceived by general membership.

Two different forms of nomination forms were used. The on-line form was most ideal because it called for more information to help the committee performs its duties. The INSTEP ballot was insufficient. For 2016 election, (should the CRS Board be interested in this committee staying together), the committee would like to revise the nomination questionnaire to include specific questions as it relates to each position, on-line nomination process, only.

Per the current bylaws, the committee would be interested in drafting and proposing recommendations on amendments to the bylaws as it effects this standing committee and future election process.

The committee was unable to locate a maximum term of board service/limit in the current bylaws.

Suggestion to always notify general membership of any bylaw changes/updates as they occur. (INSTEP or email).

Past President Jean Tolchinsky will accept ballots at her home address in Crete, IL. The committee suggests to conclude the election at 10:00 PM at the GC Banquet with ballot count to occur immediately after. With three committee members present for the ballot count, the appearance of any board member would not be necessary, and could create an appearance of impropriety.